

and as they came near to his seat, they kneeled down (according to the custom of the country) and bowed their heads nearly as low to the ground. Now, what pen is sufficient to describe the feelings of Joseph? The moment they entered, he knew them; and no doubt summoned all his fortitude to prevent the emotions of his mind, from being discovered by them. But for them, it was impossible they should have the least notion of him, owing to the length of time they had been separated, and the present magnificence of his appearance. When they bowed before him, instantly the dreams, which were mentioned in the second chapter, rushed into Joseph's mind, and for the moment rendered him incapable of speaking to them. But these sensations were entirely unknown to Joseph's servants. This leads us to remark the impossibility of reading in the countenance of men, the impressions under which their minds labour; and, indeed,

as well, that our feelings are not known to others, unless we should be exposed to much greater perplexities than we are.



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